GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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FOREST DESTROYED BY ILLEGAL MINING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining of Bauxite oakar and Stones are going on in the forest range of Majhgawan, Barondha and Chitrakuta and Parasmania in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether illegal mining has destroyed the forest considerably and the environment of the region is being polluted ;

(d) the nimber of incidence of illegal mining detected during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 ; and

(e) the steps taken to check the illegal mining by the environment and forest department ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b), (c), (d), & (e): The responsibility of protecting the forests against illegal mining and other prohibitive activities under the Indian Forest Act vests with the State Government.The cases of illegal mining, illegal felling and encroachment are also dealt by the State Government. The Ministry has received 23 complaints regarding illegal mining in Satna District of Madhya Pradesh where the forest range of Majhgawan, Barondha and Chitrkutaand Parasmania are situated. These complaints have been referred to the State Government for action.